much inconvenienced first having to prepare accounts, next to present them to the assessing officers at headquarters and then await their decision?

Second Member of Council.—

Government are aware of the difficulties and they are trying as much as possible to minimise the hardships caused to assessees.

Mr. Byanna.—

With reference to answer (*d*) can the Government say that the information received from Amildars regarding the taxable income of an assessee is more worthy of credence than that which may be collected from merchants, Municipal Councillors, etc.?

Second Member of Council.—

There is no question of relative trustworthiness.

Mr. Rajagopalachar.—

With reference to answer to section (*d*) will Government be pleased to explain how the proposal was found to be impracticable? Is it impracticable to Government or to the assessees?

Revenue Secretary.—

The assessees themselves object to a private party looking into their accounts.

By Mr. S. Chikkamuniappa (Sidlaghatta Taluk).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Why the Village Improvement Scheme and resolutions passed thereon have not been brought into force?

(*b*) Has it come to the notice of Government that great difficulty is experienced for want of roads in many places?

(*c*) Is it not possible to arrange for the construction of roads by the villagers concerned, the cost of culverts and bridges to be constructed thereon being borne by Government?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A—43. (*a*) The Village Improvement Scheme has been in force ever since it was introduced. Every year a grant is being sanctioned from State Funds for this scheme. This year a provision of Rs. 30,000 has been made in the sanctioned budget and the same has been distributed among the several Deputy Commissioners according to their needs. In addition to the above, a sum of Rs. 5,000 each has been sanctioned to the Districts of Kolar and Tumkur in G.O. No. R. 1370-3—R.M. 7-25-24, dated 16th September 1925 and again in G.O. No. R. 2761-4—R.M. 7-25-30, dated 28th November 1925, a sum of Rs. 4,000 has been sanctioned to Tumkur District for Village Improvement Works. In G.O. No. R. 153-162—R.M. 2-25-1, dated 11th July 1925, the villagers' contribution has been reduced to one half of the cost. Whenever there is any demand from any district for additional grants, the same is being sanctioned by Government.

(*b*) In many places in the State there is lack of good roads.

(*c*) The existing rules provide for the grant of contributions by Government for roads undertaken by villagers. Recently Government have reduced the share payable by the villagers for these works and it is hoped that after the Village Panchayet Bill is passed, popular interest in the scheme will increase and the construction of roads in rural areas will be accelerated.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. S. Chikkamuniappa —

With reference to section (*c*) will the Government be pleased to state whether they cannot force the villagers to undertake the road works?

Dewan.—

The matter will be considered.

BY MR. D. S. HANUMANTHA RAO (Devanhalli Taluk).—

Q.—44. Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information in regard to the amount of potgi paid to Patels and Shanbhogs:—

(*a*) What was the Jamabandi of each taluk before the introduction of revision settlement?